

Americans, and whose advocacy has helped secure vital improvements in American counterterrorism policy. And we join them in remembering Leon and Marilyn Klinghoffer.●

IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL
STEPHEN R. LORENZ

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize one of the finest Air Force officers on active duty, MG Stephen R. Lorenz. On September 6, General Lorenz left his present position as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget to become Special Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Staff. During his time in Washington, and especially with regard to his work on Capitol Hill, General Lorenz personified the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all things. Many Members and staff enjoyed the opportunity to work with him on a variety of Air Force issues and came to appreciate his many talents. Today it is my privilege to recognize some of Steve's many accomplishments since he entered the military 32 years ago, and to commend him for the superb service he provided the Air Force, Congress, and our Nation.

Steve Lorenz earned a bachelor's degree in international affairs from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973 and attended undergraduate pilot training at Craig Air Force Base, AL. From 1975 to 1980, he flew the EC-135 as aircraft commander at Ellsworth AFB, SD, and over the course of later assignments to Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, and Castle AFB, CA, attained the qualification of KC-135 instructor pilot. General Lorenz demonstrated his skill as an aviator in the T-37, T-38, T-39, UV-18, EC-135A/G/C, KC-135A/R, KC-10A, and C-141B aircraft. He is a command pilot with over 3,300 hours of flying time.

From early in his career, General Lorenz's exceptional leadership skills were evident to superiors and subordinates alike as he repeatedly proved himself in numerous select command positions. He has commanded an air refueling squadron, the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Castle AFB, CA, a geographically separated operations group, the 398th Operations Group, Castle AFB, CA and holds the distinct honor of four Wing commands; the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, CA, the 722nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, CA, the 305th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ, and the 34th Training Wing, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, as the Commandant of Cadets. Under his command, two of those wings were recognized and honored as the "Best Wings" in their respective numbered Air Forces.

Steve Lorenz excelled in a variety of key staff assignments. These include serving as Director of Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe; Chief, European and North Atlantic Treaty Organization Policy

Branch, European Division, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff; Chief, Northeast Asia Branch, Far East/South Asia Division, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff; and Deputy Chief Senate Liaison Office. General Lorenz is also a published author providing articles to military journals on Leadership and the Air Force resource allocation process.

During his service to the 107th, 108th, and 109th Congresses, General Lorenz served as our principal budget liaison with the Air Force, providing clear, concise, and timely information on issues affecting sustainment, modernization and readiness of our airmen. Most importantly, he proved an essential conduit between appropriators in Congress and frontline combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, and the global war on terrorism. In his 4 years as Director of Budget, he developed, advocated, and executed over \$37 billion of warfighter requirements through supplemental appropriations. General Lorenz's leadership, professionalism, and expertise enabled him to foster exceptional rapport between the Air Force and the Senate, and enabled Congress to better understand Air Force priorities and programs.

I was pleased the President nominated and the Senate confirmed General Lorenz for his third star with assignment as Commander, Air University, Air Education and Training Command, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. This higher grade and command are exceptionally well deserved. I offer my congratulations to him, his wife Leslie, and children, Tracy, Stephen, and Kelly. The Congress and country applaud the selfless commitment of his entire family to the Nation in supporting Steve's military career.

I know I speak for my colleagues in expressing my heartfelt appreciation to GEN Stephen Lorenz. He is a credit to both the Air Force and to the United States. We wish our friend the very best and are confident of his continued success in a new command.●

CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION
OF THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE
BUILDING IN FRESNO, CALI-
FORNIA

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the dedication of the Federal courthouse building in Fresno, CA, which is to occur October 18.

The magnificent Federal courthouse building will provide the much-needed space and capacity to effectively serve a region that is continuing to grow at a rapid rate. This building will help ensure the swift and efficient administration of justice to the people of the Fresno Division of the Eastern District, which covers the counties of Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne. Furthermore, this impressive edifice will be the most

tangible and powerful symbol of the American justice system to the people of the region.

In addition to meeting the needs of the court for additional space and related purposes, the Federal courthouse building will be a centerpiece and catalyst for the continued renaissance of downtown Fresno. The strikingly designed courthouse stands as part of the downtown skyline that continues to grow. I am particularly pleased that the Federal Government has been an integral partner in downtown revitalization with this and other projects. Together, they have brought thousands of employees to the area. I applaud the efforts of all those in the community who, through their commitment and dedication, helped make this latest addition to the downtown Fresno landscape a reality.

I hope this courthouse will ultimately be named for Senior U.S. District Judge Robert E. Coyle, a man who is widely and greatly admired and respected for his work as a judge. Judge Coyle has had a distinguished career as an attorney and on the bench. Appointed to California's Eastern Court in 1982, Judge Coyle has served the Eastern District for 20 years, including 6 years as a senior judge.

For over a decade, Judge Coyle has been a tireless champion of the effort to build this courthouse. He has been seen daily walking to and from the building site assuring that the job was done right, which I am proud to report is certainly the case. A courthouse building named in his honor will stand as a testament to the people of California of the distinguished career and the dedicated work of Judge Robert E. Coyle.

I am proud to commemorate the dedication of the Federal courthouse building in Fresno, and wish its occupants and the people of the Fresno Division of the Eastern District a bright future as we continue to work to bring justice and equality to all.●

THANKING AND CONGRATULATING
JANA DAVIS

● Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, each year at about this time, three dozen or so scientists descend on Capitol Hill looking to work for Members of Congress or congressional committees. They come to us offering their expertise and service free of charge, courtesy of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, AAAS. For over 30 years now, AAAS and its constituent professional societies have provided science fellows, and Congress and the Nation are better for it.

Science and technology dominate our lives and yet there are relatively few scientists and engineers engaged in formulating public policy, either as Members of Congress or as congressional staff. As Carl Sagan said, "We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science and technology, in which hardly anyone knows anything about